

T V V O
 LETTERS:

The one from His Excellencie,

Robert Earle of Essex,

To *Anthony Nicoll*, Esquire,
 a Member of the House of *Commons*.

The other from
 WARWICK-CASTLE,

To Sir *Samuel Luke* at his Quarters:

Concerning the state of the City of

Gloucester.

Ordered by the Commons in Parliament, that these
 Letters be forthwith printed:

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THE HISTORY OF THE

REIGN OF

CHARLES

THE FIRST

OF GREAT BRITAIN

AND IRELAND

BY

JOHN HUGHES

ESQ.

OF THE

BAR AT LAW

IN GREAT BRITAIN

AND IRELAND

AND

OF THE

UNIVERSITY OF

OXFORD



To my much respected Friend,
ANTHONY NICOLL, Esquire.

S I R,

THE cause of our lying still to day was, that the Clothes and Arms might be disposed, but principally, that Col: *Harvey* might not be too far engaged, who is marching after with the Associated Forces, and I hope, will be neer us to morrow night; and then I doubt not, but we shall march without stop or stay. By the inclosed, you'll see what I hear from *Warwick*.

Your assured Friend,

E S S E X.

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For the
 H O N O R A B L E,
 Sir Samuel Luke,
 AT HIS QuARTERS.

Honorable Sir,



Sent an answer to yours
 of the 26. this morning,
 and in obedience to his
 Excellencies commands
 presently dispatched away a Mes-
 senger to *Gloucester*; since which
 time

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time (i.) this day about Twelve of the clock, came hither Two substantiall Men from the Town; by whom I perceived, none of those Messengers I formerly sent, came into the Town; yet they assured me, the Town was in a very good condition, and full of courage, having every day put the Enemy to much losse. Yesterday morning upon an outfall they killed Sir *Jacob Astley* (as the Souldiers report) I heard by a prisoner, that *A Man of principall respect was killed*; It was agreed between them and the Governour, at their coming away, That in case Relief were coming, they should this Night, about Twelve of the clock, make Fires upon

upon *Bredon*-hill; which the Town was to answer, by doing the like upon the Colledge-Steeple; wher-upon I shewing them your Letter for their satisfaction, accommodated them with Horses, and sent them speedily away, to put their Designe in execution.

Sir, I finde, the Kings Foot there are few, and those in very ill condition, so that whensoever the town makes a sally, the quarter they fall upon, runs without striking a blow; The Town hath not lost above Ten persons, of Men, VVomen, and Children, slain.

If in any thing I have a capacity
to

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to serve you, if you please to honor
me with your commands, you
shall finde ready and cheerfull
obedience from

Sir,

*Your affectionate humble
Servant,*

Warwick-Castle,
28. Aug. about
9. at night.

JO: BRIDGES.

FINIS.